



## Nyumbani Village

### Objective

Nyumbani Village seeks to be a self-sustaining, community-based residential village that accommodates both infected and affected children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. The orphans are under the stewardship of elderly grandparents in family-like structures. This system is distinct from an orphanage and ensures parenting, culture transfer, health care and education services both in-house and outside the village.

### Project status

Four-year (2009-2012) cooperative agreement with USAID and Children of God Relief Institute (COGRI)-Nyumbani Village

Implemented with a goal of housing 1,000 orphaned children and 100 grandparents

### Key activities

Homecare: Client enrollment, counseling, nutritional and housing support, health education groups and community outreach programs.

Medical care: Village clinic which provides general medical treatment, HIV/ART program for village residents and community members Lab that offers general diagnostic tests

School education: On-site primary and secondary education

Polytechnic education: Serving both the village residents and community children.

Sustainability program: Agriculture, livestock, commercial forestry, regional commodity trade and community involvement projects.

### Achievements

The first families comprising of 19 orphans and 2 grandparents were welcomed to the village on November 28, 2006. By the end of June 2011, the number increased to **781 children and 76 grandparents**.

Other significant achievements are:

Homecare: Besides the **781** orphans already enrolled in the village, 60 more orphans have already been identified and are ready for admission in May, 2011. All are cared for by 71 grandmothers and 5 grandfathers.

Education: **116** village children are already in secondary school and **592** in primary school.

Medical care: An average of **528** village residents and **270** community members are treated in the village clinic every month. Approximately **340 lab tests** are also being carried out every month.

Polytechnic: **75** students both from the village and the community are currently enrolled in the village polytechnic.

Sustainability program: 125 acres are planted with Melia Vonkensii tree for high value timber. The program's farm and garden produces enough vegetables, milk, meat and eggs to sustain the village residents and extra to be sold at market.

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